



# WARDSIDE HOUSE GAZETTE

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**New Residents:** There were no new permanent members during last month but we welcomed Mr David Erskine back for another period of respite. Mrs Kivlin has moved to a new home.

**Birthdays:** Best wishes and many happy returns of the day to Joan Hems who celebrated her birthday last month.

**Staffing:** Caroline McDonald joined the staff on 27th June as an assistant carer and we hope she quickly settles in. Congratulations are due to Nicola Ozkin and Hazel Roddis who are both on maternity leave at present. Nicola has had a baby girl, Daisy, and Hazel a baby boy, Harry, and we are happy to report that all are 'doing well'.

**Muthill Scarecrow Competition:** Our chosen subject this year was based on the childrens story about the **Hungry Caterpillar**. Pictured here is our entry and congratulations and thanks are due to both the Craft Class and members of the Staff for its creation. The caterpillar was surrounded by lettuces and other vegetables which it was supposed to have been eating and looking on was his proud mother the butterfly. The judging took place on Saturday 25th June and the winners announced on the following day which ended the Gala Week. Unfortunately we were not among the top prize winners but once again we gained a Special Award donated by Mr Ian McPhee in recognition of the great effort that was put into the making of our entry. **Well done Wardside House!**



**Web-site:** Resident's families at home and abroad will be interested to learn that each month the Gazette is being published on the internet allowing them to be kept up to date with Wardside House activities. The web-site address is now incorporated in the heading above.

**Obituary:** The May issue of the Gazette reported the death of Professor Frank Fish who had been resident here for over a year. Due to his failing health we didn't really learn a great deal about his early life but, according to his obituary in the press, he had a very distinguished career in the world of pharmacy – holding posts such as Dean of Schools of Pharmacy at both Strathclyde University and London University, being awarded gold medals by various Pharmaceutical Societies, an OBE and finally an Emeritus Professor. Exceptional achievements indeed!

**Resident's Meeting:** The minutes of the Resident's Meeting held on 15th June have been circulated to everyone but the following item is worthy of special mention. Each resident will receive a **Personal Evacuation Plan** which will explain the action he or she should take in the event of an outbreak of fire. The actions will be specifically suited to his or her degree of mobility and will be fully explained personally by the Deputy Manager or the Assistant Manager when received.

### Special Events in July.

Friday 1st July.

Church Service by Rev. Andrew Barton at 11.00 am

Friday 22nd July

Film Show - See details below.

**The Film Show** on Friday 22nd June at 2.30pm is entitled “**It happened to Jane**” starring Doris Day and Jack Lemmon. It will finish at approximately 4.00 pm.

**And Lastly:**                      **An Ode to Wardside House.**  
by resident Mrs. Phoebe Coull

I came here in September two thousand and ten,  
Weary and worn from Dundee  
I was glad to be back in the village again  
The carers are kind and anxious to help  
So I feel really pleased to be here.

The meals are nutritious and varied each day  
Making me stronger in every way  
The Staff deserve mention for what they can do  
And despite the loss one day of heating  
The care here would take some beating.

So here's to Wardside House, long may you reign  
And keep up your excellent name  
Muthill is richer for having you here  
And all residents pleased to remain.

We didn't know we had a “poet laureate” in our midst –did we?

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**And lastly – Wedding Bliss:** A newly married man asked his wife “*Would you have married me if my father hadn’t left me a fortune?*”

“*Honey,*” the wife replied “*I’d have married you, no matter who left you a fortune.*”